

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

Additionally, I feel that the monopoly the local cable company in Enterprise now holds on local television stations is next to criminal. I believe that in the United States, when you can find a way to deliver a product to satisfy the customer in a more economical manner, you should be given that opportunity. By blocking this merger action, our government 'of the people' is no longer acting 'for the people' and has stooped to a level reminiscent of Stalinist Russia. Is this where we need to go?

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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